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European Union Expansion Plans

The European Union announced six countries will be invited to become full EU members in March, 2000. Bulgaria, Romania, Latvia, Lithuania, Slovakia, and Malta are formal candidates for membership. Initial membership talks also will be held with Bulgaria, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Slovakia.

Turkey was told that it would not be asked to join the economic club right now. Turkey must first improve its human rights record and settle its territorial disputes with Greece before entry talks may start. Speaking at the Turkey-EU Association, Turkey's President Suleyman Demirel pointed out advantages, such as Turkey being the only country who has entered into customs union with the EU. Demirel said Turkey would gain much from becoming an EU member and would do so by pursuing the necessary changes. The EU started with six members in 1957 and currently has 15 members. That number may almost double in the years ahead.

Source: Various News Sources

FSIS Foreign Food Safety Review Completed

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) completed its review of the countries that export meat and poultry products to the United States to determine the equivalence of food safety systems to new U.S. regulations.

Of the 37 countries evaluated, 32 have implemented equivalent Pathogen Reduction and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (PR/HACCP) requirements. One country, Paraguay, is currently suspended for both insanitary establishment conditions and for failing to implement E. coli requirements. Four countries, Guatemala, Honduras, Slovenia and the Dominican Republic, voluntarily delisted all establishments certified for export to the United States while they continue to implement PR/HACCP.

The PR/HACCP rule of 1996 requires sanitation procedures and HACCP systems at all meat and poultry plants, generic E.coli testing by slaughter plants, and Salmonella performance standards for slaughter and grinding plants. Requirements were phased in and all U.S. meat and poultry plants will have applied them by January 2000. The equivalency concept in international trade requires imports of meat and poultry to have been handled with safeguards comparable to U.S. safety standards. General rules are outlined by the Codex Alimentarius panel, which sets international food standards.

About 40 other countries are awaiting USDA decisions on whether their slaughter and processing plants follow equivalent safety rules.

Source: USDA/Food Safety and Inspection Service

KOREA: MEAT TRADE DATA (UNIT : MT)

July through October 1999 Poultry Imports

CHICKEN	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Germany	0	0	8	0
Thailand	280	497	422	630
U.S.A	2,962	3,849	3,653	3,808
Canada	47	47	24	23
Total	3,289	4,393	4,107	4,461
TURKEY				
Canada	47	95	71	95
Thailand	0	0	0	0
France	72	120	72	0
U.S.A.	875	560	894	464
Total	994	775	1,037	559
OTHER				
France	0	0	0	0
U.S.A.	4	0	15	0
Thailand	162	243	175	147
Total	166	243	190	147

SOURCE: KOREA CUSTOMS SERVICE,
USDA/ Foreign Agricultural Service

USDA Accepts Bids Under Export Enhancement Program

Mary T. Chambliss, acting general sales manager for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service, announced last week that the Commodity Credit Corporation had accepted a bid from an exporter under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) for frozen poultry to Middle East Countries.

U.S. Gulf Coast Trading Company was awarded 207 metric tons for delivery Dec. 13 - June 10, 2000. The bonus was \$650 per MT. The remaining EEP balance to Middle East Countries is 19,158 MT.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Russian Purchases of Frozen Chicken Legs

On December 17, 1999, Russia purchased 20,034 MT of frozen chicken legs under their FY 1999/2000 Public Law 480, Title I program. Delivery dates are January 15-31, 2000 and February 14-29, 2000. Prices ranged from \$489.00 per MT to \$541.23 per MT.

Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

	Week Ending December 11, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
Type	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	255	333	12,732	14,300
Frozen	0	0	6	50
Dried	0	32	644	740
Total	255	365	13,382	15,090

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

	Week Ending December 11, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	(000)		(000)	
Type	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Liquid	97	151	4,456	3,932
Frozen	21	17	606	215
Dried	0	0	310	235
Total	118	168	5,372	4,382

Inspected Shell Eggs
U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Week Ending December 11, 1999		Year-To-Date	
	1999	1998/1	1999	1998
Jumbo	60	0	1,418	1,399
Extra Large	1,860	2,160	42,562	37,102
Large	1,895	4,910	146,848	130,512
Medium	3,380	2,595	52,956	64,751
Ungraded	9,270	11,621	611,613	362,393
Misc	0	0	11,622	9,117
Total	16,465	21,286	867,019	605,274

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.80	
102,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-20.00	19.00	11.00-12.00	13.50
WTD AVERAGE	15.88	19.00	11.32	13.50
1,533,000 pounds, this includes 1,060,800 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 11-DEC-99
 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,167	1,425	3,592
LAST WEEK	2,090	1,439	3,529
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,379	1,277	3,656
TO-DATE/1999	100,886	69,171	170,057
TO-DATE/1998	98,806	61,677	160,483

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	488	0	488
LAST WEEK	419	8	427
SAME WEEK YR AGO	365	0	365
TO-DATE/1999	22,316	264	22,580
TO-DATE/1998	24,010	338	24,348

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,655	1,425	4,080
LAST WEEK	2,509	1,447	3,956
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,744	1,277	4,021
TO-DATE/1999	123,202	69,435	192,637
TO-DATE/1998	122,816	62,015	184,831

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 17-DEC-99

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-20.00	21.00	17.00	17.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.71	21.00	17.00	17.00

1,292,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.50-18.00	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE		17.75		16.00
240,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	14.50-18.00	-	13.50-14.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	16.96		13.81	14.07
2,288,000 pounds, this includes 784,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	

160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
DECEMBER 17, 1999

Trade sentiment steady to barely steady on tom full-cut wings with some not seeing the weakness that others see, tails barely steady at best, 2-joint wings and tom drums steady to weak. Mechanically separated turkey (MST) trade sentiment mixed ranging from fully steady to weak on fresh, frozen steady. Undertone on 4-8 lb. breasts steady at best. Demand seasonally slowing due to the upcoming holidays. Offerings of MST uneven, varying by seller and delivery time needed; 2-joint wings readily available; drums adequate to ample and tails burdensome. For export: ground drum meat (1 load) 43 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	32.00		32.00	80	29.67	240
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	30.00		30.00	80	30.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	312	22.00	312
TAILS	14.00		14.00	20	14.00	20
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		R	22.00	104	21.90	384
		R	74.09	440	73.86	560

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	28.00		28.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.00	312
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	22.00		22.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	74.00-75.00		74.09	440

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	29.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.00		22.00	312
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	21.50		21.50	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	73.00	120

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	29.00		29.00	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	416
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		M	22.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	73.00	120

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1999**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	29.50	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		W	25.00	156
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	25.00	416
TAILS		F	14.23	224
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	22.00		22.00	200
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	73.00		73.00	120

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.